

## **Urban Shield Boston 2011**



### **About Urban Shield Boston**

Urban Shield Boston is a continuous, 24-hour exercise during which first responders are deployed to and rotate across 12 different exercise sites/scenarios, each hosted by jurisdictions of the Metro Boston Homeland Security Region.

Urban Shield is the largest exercise ever conducted in Boston. In all, the exercise will include over 500 emergency responders from 50 different agencies. Participating agencies include Federal, state, local, and private sector partners.

Exercise scenarios will take place in 7 different cities/towns, and 4 communities will activate Emergency Operation Centers in order to effectively coordinate the exercise. Overall exercise activities will be managed from the City of Boston EOC.

The goal of Urban Shield is to test and evaluate specific public safety capabilities that have been developed and enhanced with the investment of grant funds received from the US Department of Homeland Security (primarily through the Urban Area Security Initiative or UASI grant program).

Specific capabilities to be tested include incident management, communications interoperability, tactical operations, explosive detection and response, urban search and rescue, and emergency medical services.

While Urban Shield-related events (to include registration and training) will take place from May 20-22, 2011, the exercise scenarios will start at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday (5/21) and conclude at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday (5/22).

The general public should not be alarmed if they notice increased public safety activity across Boston and other participating communities (see below list of site locations). Police, fire, and EMS teams training at each site and traveling between sites are expected to attract attention of the public.

### **About Metro Boston Homeland Security Region**

The Metro Boston Homeland Security Region (MBHSR) is a multi-jurisdictional partnership of Boston area cities and towns that work together on homeland security programs that enhance capabilities to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from major emergencies, including natural disasters and acts of terrorism.



MBHSR activities are primarily funded by the US Department of Homeland Security Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant program. Boston is 1 of 10 US cities that have received a Tier I designation from DHS, receiving approximately \$15 Million annually to support homeland security initiatives.

The City of Boston is the UASI grant recipient and coordinates programs of the MBHSR. Other participating jurisdictions are Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Quincy, Revere, Somerville, and Winthrop.

### **Urban Shield Sites**

#### **SWAT Site 1**

Boston Marriott Copley Place  
110 Huntington Avenue, Boston

#### **SWAT Site 2 (EMS Integrated)**

Pine Manor College, Ashby Campus Center  
400 Heath Street, Chestnut Hill, MA

#### **SWAT Site 3**

Tobin Elementary School  
197 Vassal Lane, Cambridge, MA

#### **SWAT Site 4**

Distrigas (Closed Site)  
18 Rover Street, Everett, MA

#### **SWAT Site 5**

Winthrop Ferry  
713 Shirley Street, Winthrop, MA

#### **USAR Sites 1-3 (EMS Integrated)**

Fore River Shipyard (Closed Site after 5:00 p.m. Sat.)  
115 E. Howard Street, Quincy, MA

#### **Bomb Squad/K-9 Site 1**

Amtrak Maintenance Facility  
2 Frontage Road, Boston, MA

#### **Bomb Squad/K-9 Site 2 (EMS Integrated)**

Quincy High School  
52-54 Coddington St., Quincy, MA

#### **Bomb Squad/K-9 Site 3**

Everett Produce Center  
183 Beacham Street (off Riley Way), Everett, MA

#### **Consolidated Site (All Teams)**

Boston Marine Industrial Park  
3 Dolphin Way, Boston, MA 02116